

**WILLIAM WILBERFORCE TRAF-
FICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007**

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the exchange of letters between Chairman CONYERS and myself be made part of the RECORD.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, November 15, 2007.

Hon. TOM LANTOS,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House
of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN LANTOS: In recognition of the desire to expedite consideration of H.R. 3887, the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Reauthorization Act of 2007, the Committee on the Judiciary agrees to waive formal consideration of the bill as to provisions that fall within the rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Committee takes this action with the understanding that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 3887 at this time, the Committee on the Judiciary does not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation. The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this important anti-slavery legislation, and requests your support if such a request is made.

I would appreciate your including this letter in the Congressional Record during consideration of the bill on the House floor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

JOHN CONYERS, JR.,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Washington, DC, November 15, 2007.

Hon. JOHN CONYERS, JR.,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 3887, the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Reauthorization Act of 2007.

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this legislation. I recognize that the bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary. I acknowledge that the Committee will not formally consider the bill and agree that the inaction of your Committee with respect to the bill does not waive any jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee over subject matter contained in this bill or similar legislation.

Further, as to any House-Senate conference on the bill, I understand that your committee reserves the right to seek the appointment of conferees for consideration of portions of the bill that are within the Committee's jurisdiction.

I will ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the Congressional Record during the consideration of House debate on H.R. 3887, and I look forward to working with you on this important legislation. If you wish to

discuss this matter further, please contact me or have your staff contact my staff.

Cordially,

TOM LANTOS,
Chairman.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY
OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE
HENRY HYDE OF ILLINOIS**

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness over the passing of our former colleague and friend, Henry Hyde, and my respect for his decades of public service on behalf of the people of Illinois.

Representative Hyde was known throughout the country as a man of strong beliefs, a public servant who fought hard for his convictions with eloquence and passion. Those of us in the House of Representatives—especially those of us served with him in the Illinois delegation—also knew him as a gentleman. Disagreements on some issues never prevented him from working with a colleague on other matters.

I was one who often disagreed with Congressman Hyde, but we were always able to talk about our differences and work together on bipartisan issues, such as investigating the causes of oil and gasoline price increases in the Chicago market, ending the genocide in Sudan and the AIDS epidemic in Africa, fighting global poverty and the proliferation of destabilizing nuclear weapons, and addressing gun violence. I always felt that I could reach out to Congressman Hyde and have an open and beneficial discussion, even on the most controversial issues. He was the only person who ever called me "Janny," a private nickname I enjoyed.

Congressman Hyde was born in Rogers Park, Chicago and went to St. George High School in Evanston. He was first elected to Congress in 1974, after already having had a distinguished career as a lawyer, World War II veteran, and member of the Illinois General Assembly. He served the 6th District of Illinois for 32 years, never forgetting his roots, his responsibilities or his values. He will be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. WELLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD votes I would have cast had I been present for rollcall votes 1086 through 1126. I was absent on November 14th, November 15th, and December 4th, due to a death in the family.

If I were present I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 1086, "yea" on rollcall vote 1087, "yea" on rollcall vote 1088, "yea" on rollcall vote 1089, "yea" on rollcall vote 1090, "yea" on rollcall vote 1091, "yea" on rollcall

vote 1092, "nay" on rollcall vote 1093, "nay" on rollcall vote 1094, "yea" on rollcall vote 1095, "nay" on roll call vote 1096, "nay" on rollcall vote 1097, "nay" on rollcall vote 1098, "nay" on rollcall vote 1099, "yea" on rollcall vote 1100, "yea" on rollcall vote 1101, "yea" on rollcall vote 1102, "nay" on roll call vote 1103, "nay" on rollcall vote 1104, "yea" on rollcall vote 1105, "yea" on rollcall vote 1106, "yea" on rollcall vote 1107, "nay" on rollcall vote 1108, "nay" on rollcall vote 1109, "nay" on roll call vote 1110, "nay" on rollcall vote 1111, "nay" on rollcall vote 1112, "nay" on rollcall vote 1113, "yea" on rollcall vote 1114, "yea" on rollcall vote 1115, "yea" on rollcall vote 1116, "yea" on roll call vote 1117, "yea" on rollcall vote 1118, "yea" on rollcall vote 1119, "nay" on rollcall vote 1120, "yea" on rollcall vote 1121, "nay" on rollcall vote 1122, "yea" on rollcall vote 1123, "yea" on roll call vote 1124, "yea" on rollcall vote 1125, and "yea" on rollcall vote 1126.

**RECOGNIZING OFFICER ROY DAVID
GILBERT, III**

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize and congratulate Officer Roy David Gilbert, III for being named the 2007 Police Officer of the Year by Parade magazine and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

A resident of Waterford, MI, Officer Gilbert has described the day he was sworn in as an officer of the Detroit Police Department seven years ago as one of the happiest of his life. Last year, however, Officer Gilbert was faced with one of the darkest. On December 30, 2006, while patrolling Detroit's Western District, Officer Gilbert and his partner Officer John McKee spotted a vehicle that had been carjacked earlier that evening. While in pursuit, Officer McKee was shot and wounded in the face and abdomen.

Officer Gilbert courageously moved between his partner and the suspect, and even after being knocked down by a bullet, he returned fire and took down the assailant. As a result of Officer Gilbert's actions, Officer McKee's life was saved, and in October of this year he was able to return to the police force. Officer Gilbert was awarded the Medal of Valor, the Detroit Police Department's highest honor for bravery and was recognized by Parade magazine and the International Association of Chiefs of Police as the Officer of the Year.

For over 40 years, Parade magazine and the International Association of Chiefs of Police have recognized the law enforcement officer whose deeds embody the intrepid spirit and altruism that Officer Gilbert has displayed. Even today as he is honored by Waterford Township, Officer Gilbert still says he was just "doing what partners are supposed to do."

Madam Speaker, Officer Gilbert epitomizes the bravery and selflessness that we see in our law enforcement officers everyday. His heroic actions saved the life of a fellow officer and made our streets safer. I commend him for his achievements and wish him continued success in his service.